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SUMMARY. SPEAKERS ON GENERAL DEBATE JULY 4 WERE

UNDP ADMINISTRATOR, BRAZIL, US (SEE SEPTTEL,

NETHERLANDS, CANADA, JAPAN AND ICAO SYG.

1. UNDP ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF RECENT UNDP MTG IN MANILA, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON GOVERNING COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO SPECIAL UNGA SESSION. AMONG THE POINTS STRESSED WAS DECISION TO ALLOCATE INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES FOR 77-81 CYCLE WHICH WLD ENABLE COUNTRIES WITH PROJECTED INCREASES IN IPF FIGURES TO BEGIN PLANNING NOW ON HOW TO UTILIZE INCREASES, WHILE GUARANTEEING TO COUNTRIES NOT ABLE TO USE EXISTING ALLOCATIONS IN CURRENT CYCLE TO CARRY FORTH UNUSED AMOUNTS TO NEXT CYCLE. ALSO NOTED WERE LARGE IPF INCREASES FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, TOGETHER

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WITH A PLANNED ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLVING FUND FOR

NATURALRESOURCES.

2. BRAZILIAN PERM REP FRAZAO, IN DISCUSSING WORLD ECONOMIC ILLS, PETROLEUM PRICES, "EXPORTED INFLATION", ETC., BLAMED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR COMPOUNDING PROBLEM OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY INCREASING PRICES OF EXPORTED FOODSTUFFS AND MANUFACTURES. HOPED THERE WLD BE NO DECREASE IN FLOWS OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SPOKE WARMLY OF SIXTH SPECIAL GA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH GLOBAL STRATEGY OF OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT LINKING WHOLE UN SYSTEM UNDER POLICY GUIDANCE OF ECOSOC. ON MNC'S AND REPORT OF GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS, HE CALLED FOR PERIODIC REVIEWS BY ECOSOC ITSELF, ASSISTED EITHER BY AD HOC BODY OR PERMANENT COMMISSION OF GOVERNMENT REPS, AND CAUTIONED AGAINST REACHING PREMATURE CONCLUSIONS BEFORE THOROUGH STUDY. DWELLING AT LENGTH ON PET THEME OF COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY, FRAZAO EMPHASIZED DIFFERENCE FROM POLITICAL AND MILITARY SECURITY IN THAT CES IS "CLAIM AGAINST STATUS QUO" AND INVOLVES UNLIMITED POTENTIAL FOR ENLIGHTENED COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. HE CRITICIZED SYGS STUDY FOR TIMIDITY IN FAILING TO DEVELOP LATTER PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS CONCEPT OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC EQUITY.

3. NETHERLANDS MIN FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, J.P. PRONK, SPOKE ALONG SOCIAL-JUSTICE LINES OF RECENT DUTCH INTERVENTIONS ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS (LAMENT FOR THE POOR, A POX ON THE RICH). SPECIFICS INCLUDED REITERATION OF DUTCH CONTRIBUTION OF \$30 MILLION TO THE MSA FUND; A PLEA FOR ATTENTION TO IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS TO BALANCE PREOCCUPATION WITH LONG TERM PROBLEMS; STATEMENT THAT 1975 DUTCH BUDGET WILL MAKE AVAILABLE \$100 MILLION FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS DIVERTED TO RELIEF OF IMMEDIATE NEEDS; PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF UN EMERGENCY ECONOMIC FORCE ALONG LINES OF UN EMERGENCY FORCE IN POLITICAL FIELD; PLEA TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD A COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY

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SYSTEM; PROPOSAL FOR A GROUP OF "EMINENT PERSONS" TO TACKLE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE INFLATION PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY NON-MONETARY ASPECTS; PRAISE FOR THE REPORT OF THE GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS ON MULTINATIONALS; REFERENCE TO BALANCING THE PRESENT UNIFIED APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT WITH AN "ECOLOGICAL APPROACH"; AND A SUGGESTION THAT THE RATE OF GROWTH OF THE RICH COUNTRIES SHLD BE SCRUTINIZED.

4. CANADIAN REP NOTED THAT GOC HAD PLEDGED \$276 MILLION TOWARDS REPLENISHMENT OF THE IDA, INCLUDING ADVANCE COMMITMENT AUTHORITY AGAINST THEIR FIRST TWO PAYMENTS, PLUS ANOTHER \$100 MILLION OVER AND ABOVE CANADA'S NORMAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 1974/75 SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE COUNTRIES IN MOST SERIOUS NEED. ADDITIONALLY, CANADA HAS PLEDGED THE EQUIVALENT OF \$300 MILLION TO THE IMF'S SPECIAL FACILITY FOR COVERING PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM OIL COSTS. FOR THE LONGER RUN AND PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT TO FOCUSING THE EFFORTS OF ECOSOC, STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF AGENDA ITEMS 4 (PROGRAM OF ACTION), 8 (MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES) AND 14 (SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE), WHICH TAKEN TOGETHER LARGELY SUBSUME THE ITEM ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY. AFTER REITERATING POINT THAT SPECIAL SESSION'S PROGRAM OF ACTION WAS NOT PERFECT, STATEMENT FOUND ENCOURAGEMENT THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE, I.E. THE JUNE MTG OF THE COMMITTEE OF 20. ALSO ENCOURAGING WAS THE REPORT OF THE SECOND MTG OF COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. AFTER COMPLIMENTING REPORT OF GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS, STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH PLEA THAT LESSONS LEARNED FROM LAST REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE WLD BE TAKEN TO HEART IN NEXT ROUND BY HAVING MUCH MORE THOROUGH PREPARATION DONE BY THE SECRETARIAL AND OTHER UN BODIES.

5. JAPANESE PERM REP SAITO UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE ECOSOC ROLE IN MOBILIZING UN SYSTEM FOR GLOBAL APPROACH TO WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. STRESSED HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR CONCERTED ACTION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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STABILIZE PRICES, CITING JAPAN'S OWN ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM. WARNED AGAINST UNILATERAL ARBITRARY MEASURES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DEAL WITH BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM INCREASED PRICES PETROLEUM AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS, E.G. TRADE RESTRICTIONS; CALLED FOR FREER TRADE. RE FOOD SITUATION AND WORLD FOOD CONF, GOJ PLANS HIGH PRIORITY ON ESTABLISHING SYSTEM OF ASSESSING GLOBAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND, INCREASED STABILITY IN SUPPLY, AND DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE IN AGRICULTURE, GOJ IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION OF GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR PERMANENT COMMISSION ON MNC'S AND FOR CODE OF CONDUCT. GOJ SUPPORT C-20 PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR MONETARY REFORM INCLUDING RECOMMENDED IMF RECONSIDERATION OF SDR LINK. CALLED FOR REFLOWS OF CAPITAL ACCUMULATED BY OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

DESPITE BEING HARD HIT BY OIL PRICES, JAPAN WILL MAKE GREAT EFFORT TO INCREASE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE. OFFICIAL GOJ DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE WAS OVER \$1 BILLION IN 1973 (65 PCT OVER 1972) AND WILL BE 27 PCT MORE IN FISCAL '74 RE SIXTH GA EMERGENCY PROGRAM, GOJ WILL PROVIDE \$100 MILLION IN COMMODITY AID, DEBT RELIEF, GRANTS, ETC. ABOVE CURRENT AID LEVELS FOR 12 MONTHS. GOJ WILL CONTRIBUTE \$495 MILLION TO FOURTH PLENISHMENT IDA AND IS CONSIDERING \$165 MILLION EVEN PRIOR THERETO. HAS ALSO INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO UNDP, WORLD FOOD PROGRAM AND SAHELIAN FUND. GOJ INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO SPECIAL FUND PROVIDING OTHERS DO SO, AND WILL CONTRIBUTE TO REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION.

6. ICAO SYG KOTAIT MADE LARGELY STATISTICAL RUNDOWN ON CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC PATTERNS AND TOURISM, AIR TARIFFS, ETC. FOLLOWED BY A BRIEF COMMENTARY ON ICAO EFFORTS TO COUNTER SKYJACKING AND IMPROVE IN-FLIGHTS SECURITY GENERALLY.

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